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SUBJECT: ALL PARTIES MEETING

REF: MAPUTO O413

IN RESPONSE TO VIEIRA'S QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD DRAW ON
THE FOLLOWING:

1. WE ARE PLEASED TO KNOW THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT
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IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR PROPOSALS
FOR MILITARY AND OTHER TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.
THIS AUGURS WELL FOR OUR NEXT MEETING WITH THE PF. AT
MALTA, LORD CARVER DESCRIBED FULLY THE KIND OF MILITARY
ARRANGEMENTS WE HAVE IN MIND. THE PROPOSAL WE HAVE
MADE IN THIS REGARD STILL STANDS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE
OPEN TO MINOR MODIFICATIONS, WE BELIEVE WHAT WE HAVE

PROPOSED WILL PROVIDE THE BEST PROSPECTS FOR A FAIR AND WORKABLE ARRANGEMENT. WHILE WE INTEND TO HOLD TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES, WE BELIEVE THAT NECESSARILY SOME OF THE MECHANICS OF HOW WE PROCEED SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION WITH THE OTHER PARTIES, E.G., THE RHODESIAN MILITARY, LATER IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

2. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING THE RHODESIAN MILITARY ANY VETO OVER THE ARRANGEMENTS. HOWEVER, WE HOPE THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT WOULD AGREE THAT IN THE INTERESTS OF REACHING A SETTLEMENT AND ENDING THE WAR, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS WHICH WOULD IN NO WAY VIOLATE THE AGREED FUNDAMENTALS OF THE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS. OBVIOUSLY WE WILL STICK TO ANY AGREEMENT WE REACH AT DAR ES SALAAM.

3. WE INTEND TO HOLD FIRMLY TO THE ESSENTIALS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL. GIVEN THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE HAD FROM THE FRONT LINE STATES, WE EXPECT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO ADHERE TO THE AAP TOO. CERTAINLY WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF GIVING WAY ON ANY OF THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE AAP, BUT WE BELIEVE WE MUST BE FREE TO DISCUSS OTHER MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE AS APPROPRIATE IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PARTIES.
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4. WHEN WE SAY ALL PARTIES, WE MEAN JUST THAT. WE HAVE EXTENDED INVITATIONS ON THE BASIS OF AN ALL PARTIES MEETING, AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAS AGREED TO ATTEND. AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, IT IS INCIDENTAL WHETHER THE INTERNAL PARTIES DECIDE TO ATTEND AS INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATIONS OR AS A SINGLE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT TEAM. VANCE

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